



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Avner Yayon

Application No.: 09/921,279

Group Art Unit:

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Examiner:

For: A SCREENING ASSAY FOR
ANTAGONISTS OF FGFR-MEDIATED
MALIGNANT CELL TRANSFORMATION
AND TUMOR FORMATION

Attorney Docket No.: 81408-1

DECLARATION OF MARY J. WALKER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

I, Mary J. Walker, Supervisor of Docketing, D.C. office, law firm of Winston & Strawn, hereby declare that:

1. The law firm of Winston & Strawn follows the following docketing procedures with respect to all patent matters:
 - a) All correspondence is reviewed prior to being delivered to the appropriate attorney.
 - b) Correspondence is docketed in two places:
 - 1) computerized docketing system, and
 - 2) file jacket
 - c) The file (with docketed correspondence) is forwarded to the appropriate attorney.
 - d) All problems are brought to the attention of the supervisor.
2. With reference to the above-identified application, the following events occurred:

- a) During a routine docket check in December, 2002, I discovered that no Notice To File Missing Parts had been received for this application.
- b) A telephone call to the Office of Initial Patent Examination uncovered the fact that the Notice To File Missing Parts had been mailed on September 17, 2001, but was never received. At my request, OIPE faxed a copy of the Notice To File Missing Parts on December 20, 2002.
- c) I checked Winston & Strawn's computerized docketing system and found no entry for the Notice To File Missing Parts.
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- d) I checked the file for this case and found no copy of the Notice To File Missing Parts.
- e) I checked the index portion of the file jacket for this case and found no entry for the Notice To File Missing Parts. (Enclosed is a copy of the index portion of the file jacket.)
- f) I concluded that no Notice To File Missing Parts was received at the firm of Winston & Strawn, and so I notified the attorney of record.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application.

1/30/03
Date

Mary J. Walker
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